

“Ask Research” – Bi-Monthly Meeting Agenda – May 17, 2012

- **What’s new in the Albany R&D program?**
 - **Research Activity Statistics** – see attachment at end of document
 - **Status of Research Physical Plant –**
 - **Modifications to ARF for replacement of new air handling units and asbestos removal** – Completion of project expected at the end of May, 2012
 - **New Equipment installations at the ARF**
 - **Accreditation Status** – All accreditations are up to date and no immediate reports or inspections are expected. The issue of AAHRPP accreditation is currently under discussion at VACO and so no annual report is due from Stratton VAMC at this time. More will be discussed at this meeting.
 - **ORO IACUC/SRS&B Site Visit Response** – Final Responses were sent in February of 2012 and we have received final closure of all issues found during the visit which took place in February of 2011 for the animal program. However, the Safety program has two issues that still require attention. Another report will be due to VACO on 6/9.
 - **Merit / Grant applications:** Two VA Merit applications were submitted in March of 2012.
 - **Staffing Change:**
 - No changes at this time

- **What’s new at ARI?**

- **Ask the Research Office...**
 - **Issues from last meeting:**
 - Questions about training provided by Stratton VAMC on the issue of lab safety remain unanswered. We have been unable to get responses to our questions.
 - The issue of Stratton VAMC providing fit testing for masks used in labs also remain unanswered due to lack of response.

 - **What questions do you have about research at the Stratton VAMC?**

- **Education Item or Research Presentation** (see embedded attachments when applicable)
 - **PRIM&R Webinar Training** - “Educating for the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR): Strategies for Research Institutions.” – 90 minute Webinar

- **Future Meetings** – meetings will be held on Thursday, at 11:30 a.m., approximately one time every six weeks. Suggestions for the structure, topics and location of future meetings are welcome at anytime.
 - **Training Topic for next meeting -**
AAALAC Webinar Training Module 2 - Chapter 3, Environment, Housing and Management
 - This 60-minute module will review key topics in Chapter 3 of the Guide; Environment, Housing and Management. Topics of discussion will include relative humidity, VAV systems, recycled air, social housing, cage and pen space, environmental enrichment and aquatics.
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